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1. JULY 5/JULY 6 VOICE OF THE REVOLUTION (VOR) NEWS
BROADCASTS CARRIED FIRST GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT AND COMMENT
ON PRIMIN BEAVOGUI

VISIT TO WASHINGTON SINCE JUNE 21 WHEN
VOR REPORTED HIS DEPARTURE FOR US. JULY 6 BROADCAST REPLAYED
TAPES OF TOASTS BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE AND PRIME
MINISTER IN WASHINGTON. VOR ANNOUNCER CHARACTERIZED OFFICIAL
RECEPTION OF GUINEAN DELEGATION AT DULLES AIRPORT AS
"PERFECT", DESCRIBED TALKS AS HAVING TAKEN PLACE IN
"WARM AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE", AND STATED
THERE WAS "IDENTITY OF VIEW IN THINGS PRACTICAL AS WELL AS
LONG-TERM." US-GUINEAN UNDERSTANDING ON BILATERAL,
AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS WAS DESCRIBED AS "TOTAL".
COMMENTARY ACKNOWLEDGED HUMAN RIGHTS AS ONE OF CENTRAL
THEMES OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND ASSERTED THAT
BEAVOGUI VISIT ENABLED A "MORE PROFOUND APPRECIATION"
OF THESE CONCEPTS WITHIN GUINEA. HOMAGE WAS ALSO PAID
TO PRINCIPLE OF NON-ALIGNMENT IN MAINTAINING GOOD
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2. BROADCAST PROVIDED PARENTHETICAL OPPORTUNITY FOR
YET ANOTHER ATTACK ON FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER
MITTERAND. DENUNCIATION WAS BRIEF, HOWEVER, AND WAS
LINKED TO DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF GUINEA (PDG) DECLARATION
ON RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUAL AND HIS ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN

DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

3. REMARKABLE GUINEAN TURNOUT AT AMBASSADOR'S FOURTH OF JULY RECEPTION WAS ALSO FULLY IN KEEPING WITH DEVELOPMENTS. SIX MINISTERS ATTENDED, INCLUDING SEVERAL SENIOR PRESIDENTIAL CONFIDANTS LED BY MINISTER OF INTERIOR DOMAIN MOUSSA DIAKITE, AS WELL AS MANY LOWER-LEVEL FUNCTIONARIES. THIS ATTENDANCE WAS FAR GREATER AND HIGHER-RANKING THAN ANY OCCASION IN RECENT MEMORY. DIAKITE WAS PARTICULARLY WARM AND PERSONABLE AND HIS TOAST REFLECTED FULLY NEW POSITIVE GOG ATTITUDE. EDUCATION AND CULTURE MINISTER MAMADI KEITA, LONG ONE OF MORE PRO-SOVIET SENIOR GOVERNMENT FIGURES, WAS FORTHCOMING AND POSITIVE ABOUT HIS VISIT TO U.S.

4. COMMENT. BOTH FOURTH OF JULY RECEPTION TURNOUT AND VOR TREATMENT OF BEAVOGUI VISIT WERE OBVIOUSLY APPROVED BY PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE. VOR BROADCAST, LABELED "PART ONE", EVIDENTLY HERALDS FURTHER WARM COVERAGE OF VISIT. FOR MOMENT AT LEAST, US-GUINEAN RELATIONS HAVE CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY FOR THE BETTER.

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